

Upon moving to the Tri-Valley, Dale became the President and CEO of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce and Livermore Valley Film Commission. While at the Chamber, she helped promote Livermore businesses and began her work to attract top talent to the Tri-Valley area. One of her greatest accomplishments with the Chamber was the creation of the annual Innovation Forum. Each year this event attracts hundreds of business influencers and showcases innovative local companies.

After 12 years with the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, Dale founded the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group. Utilizing the industry relationships she cultivated with the Chamber and her passion for business development and marketing, Dale transformed the brand and perception of the Tri-Valley. She has brought together 60 partner organizations, 25 board members, and 90 committee members to work towards the common goal of expanding the national influence of Tri-Valley innovators.

With Innovation Tri-Valley Dale launched both the annual “#GameChangers” Awards for business leaders and the “DreamMakers and RiskTakers” Awards for youth. Both of these events engage civic leaders and award local innovators for their groundbreaking work. Additionally, she was instrumental in launching the landmark “Tri-Valley Rising” report, which highlights the region’s economic strengths and promise. Her advocacy and marketing efforts have assisted the Tri-Valley in becoming recognized, as Innovation Tri-Valley calls it, as “The Heart of California Innovation.”

Dale has made an indelible mark on the Tri-Valley business community, and I am grateful to have worked with her to better California’s 15th Congressional District. I want to congratulate Dale on a long and successful career. I also want to wish her and her husband Ted, who has been her faithful partner during her tremendous work for the Tri-Valley, all the best in Dale’s retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE INSTALLATION OF THE 7/20 MEMORIAL

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the installation of the 7/20 Memorial in the City of Aurora. This memorial is dedicated to those who lost their lives, the wounded, and the countless families impacted by the theater shooting tragedy.

On July 20, 2012, thirteen members of our community were killed and seventy more were injured when a lone gunman senselessly opened fire in a crowded movie theater. The crime devastated our community, the families who lost loved ones, as well as those who suffered lifelong injuries. Aurora was a city in grief.

Out of this tragedy some good has come. To start, our first responders and caregivers admirably aided those physically and mentally injured. Our community also came together and has continued to support those impacted on that terrible day. Now on July 27, 2018, the City of Aurora is dedicating a memorial designed by the world-renowned artist Douwe

Blumberg. Mr. Blumberg’s piece entitled “Ascentiate” is located in a memorial garden added to the City of Aurora’s Municipal Waterwise Garden. The sculpture displays eighty three cranes outstretched in flight to represent the victims of the shooting. Thirteen clear cranes in the middle of the garden represent those who lost their lives. This memorial is designed to provide comfort to those in need.

I also want to acknowledge the efforts and commitment of 7/20 Memorial Foundation which made this day possible: Board Officers: Theresa Hoover, Heather Dearman, Rena Medek Tiina Coon, Heather Bailey and Board Members: Bill Hoover, Terry Sullivan, Megan Sullivan-Jenks, and Jansen Young.

Let us all remember this tragedy by recognizing the 7/20 Memorial Foundation for commemorating the victims and their families.

SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON OUR COLLEGE CAMPUSES

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my colleague Congressman TED POE holding this important Special Order Hour to honor survivors of sexual violence on our college campuses, and in particular the brave members of the 12th Woman, a group of survivors from Texas A&M University who are speaking truth to power about their experiences. Judge POE has been unwavering in his pursuit of justice for victims of sexual violence on the bench and in Congress. I applaud his strong advocacy and tireless dedication to this incredibly important cause. He is a true ally and his legacy on this issue will continue to help countless victims and survivors move forward.

When parents drop off their children for their first year of college, we expect our institutions of higher learning to keep them safe. But that’s not the reality for 20 percent of young women and six percent of young men who are destined to become victims of sexual assault on campus. To make matters worse, survivors are constantly told that they are responsible for their assault—from being penalized for so-called ‘code of ethics’ violations, like drinking at parties or going into other students’ dorm rooms, to being blamed for not fighting back.

That includes a brave survivor at Texas A&M who had the wherewithal to alert her school that her rapist was allowed back on the swim team after being suspended for only one semester and not being subject to criminal charges. The school’s response speaks volumes—“I regret your displeasure with the perceived impact, and I wish you all the best as you continue to seek healing.” The school’s failure to protect the survivor and other potential victims is unacceptable.

They are not alone. Universities continue to inadequately deal with perpetrators across the country—from expulsions after graduation, to honor code violations that carry less of a penalty than plagiarism, to allowing perpetrators to directly cross-examine their victims about their past sexual history during the so-called investigative process. This kind of antiquated victim-blaming and -shaming must end.

That is why I am introducing the bipartisan Hold Accountable and Lend Transparency or HALT Campus Sexual Violence Act with my colleague Congressmen TED POE and BRIAN FITZPATRICK, to ensure that our colleges and universities do everything they can to hold perpetrators accountable and to provide the support survivors need and deserve.

IN HONOR OF ROGER STAUBACH’S LIFE AND HALL OF FAME CAREER

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Dallas Cowboys’ Hall of Fame Quarterback Roger Staubach, with a poetic tribute by Albert Carey Caswell. Roger is a great Patriot, a fine Husband, Father, Civic Leader, and is great example for all our children to follow. He has given back tirelessly to his Nation and community. And brought two Super Bowl Championships to America’s Team the Dallas Cowboys. I ask that this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell be included in the RECORD.

ROGER THAT, STAUBACH. CAPTAIN AMERICA,
COME BACK.

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

In the Game of Life will we go deep with all
our light?
And in our lives what promises to our souls
will we keep so bright?
Will we take the high road to greatness or
low road and to lose sight?
And when it’s third and long is it victory or
defeat to which belongs?
Is ours a life of honor, courage, and char-
acter so strong?
And upon those football fields of green
Where men of might and speed have con-
vened
With size and girth and strength to victory
to gleam
When, came The Dallas Cowboys America’s
Team on the scene
While, over the years has emerged here,
one of the greatest franchises in The NFL’s
history
As one Midshipman would help lead the way
to franchise greatness indeed
Roger That, Staubach . . . Captain America
. . . Comeback to victory
And on these fields of green,
from where all leadership streams
Is the quarterback
As men of destruction come rushing in to
crush you,
as life gets mean
Whose leadership directs the point of attack
there as seen
Who are armed with courage and skill
Who must lead their offense into combat
with their sheer will
As titans amid kayos come crashing all in at
speed,
wreaking havoc to make you bleed
For no other position demands more skill
and intuition
Or more guts and determination to stand tall
and make split decisions
With only micro seconds to make the right
decisions
The difference between winning and losing,
while skillfully into the D they make their
incisions
Leading the team down the field with your
heart and soul and decisions
To cross that goal line for six,